

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

An automatic cycle storage system comprising: ~~a plurality of cycles~~ <sup>[[ (1) ]]</sup>, each of which carries a blocking device <sup>[[ (8) ]]</sup> and an electronic circuit; ~~at least one~~ <sup>a</sup> cycle storage area <sup>[[ (7) ]]</sup> serving to receive the cycles <sup>[[ (1) ]]</sup> while they are not being used; and ~~at least one~~ <sup>a</sup> control device <sup>[[ (2) ]]</sup> adapted to authorize, selectively, cycles to be borrowed from the storage area. The control device and the cycle are each provided with a respective short-range wireless communications interface, and the cycle includes an electrical lock device adapted to lock the blocking device in the blocking position.